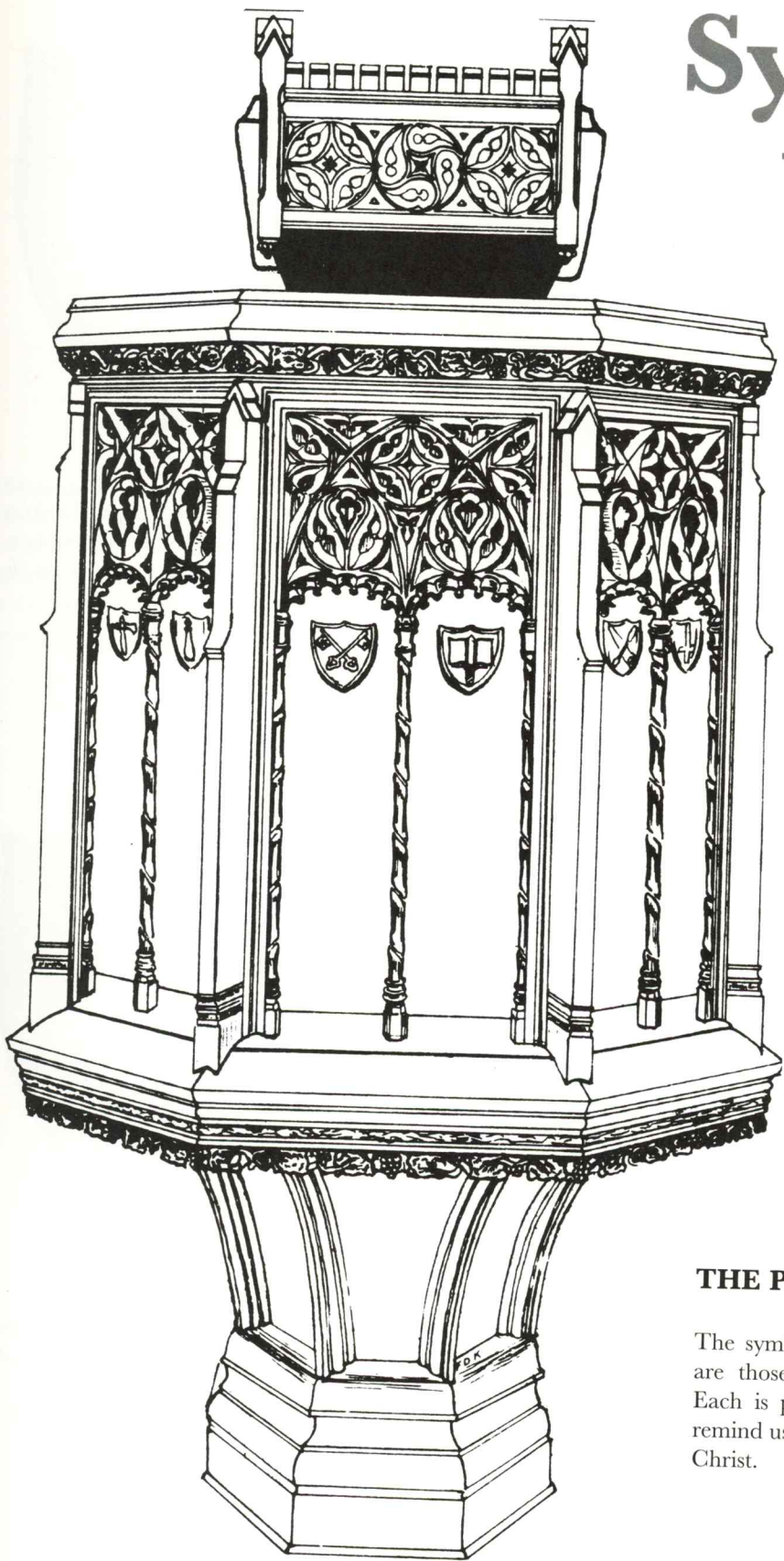
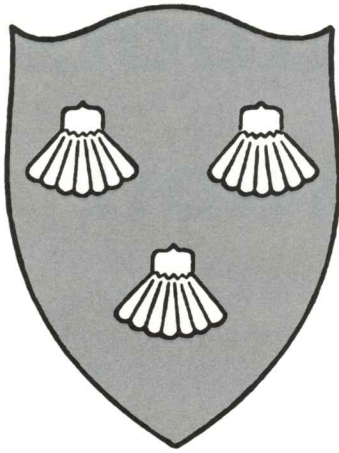


Symbols IN Wood



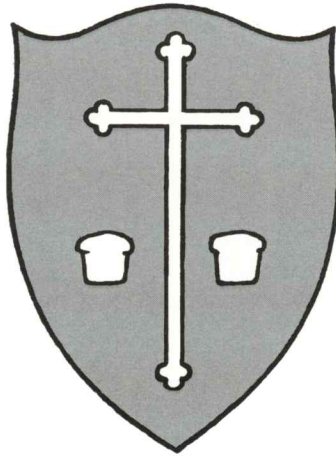
THE PULPIT

The symbols carved on the pulpit are those of the twelve apostles. Each is portrayed on a shield, to remind us that they were soldiers of Christ.



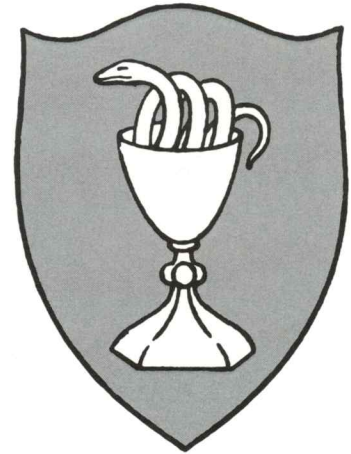
James (Son of Zebedee)

His symbol consists of three shells on a shield. The scallop shell is an emblem of missionary journeys.



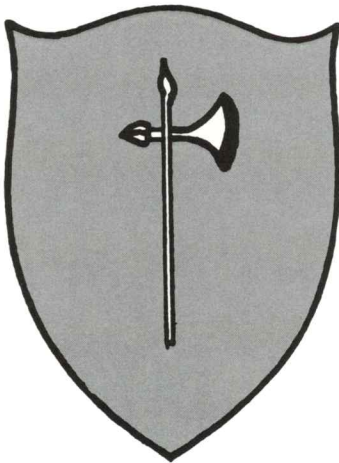
Philip

His symbol is a cross and two chalices, reminding us of feeding the five thousand. The cross indicates that he followed the way of the cross.



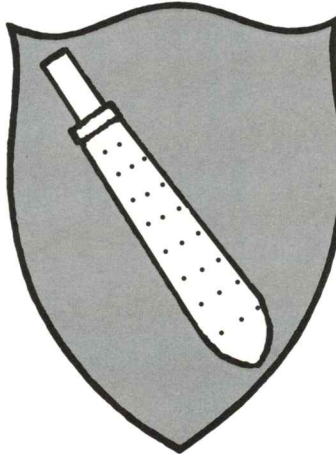
John

The chalice was assigned to John because, according to tradition, an attempt was made on his life through a poisoned chalice.



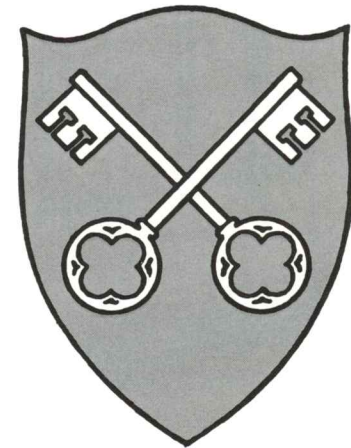
Matthew (Levi)

His symbol is a battle axe. It is said that he was beheaded with such an axe.



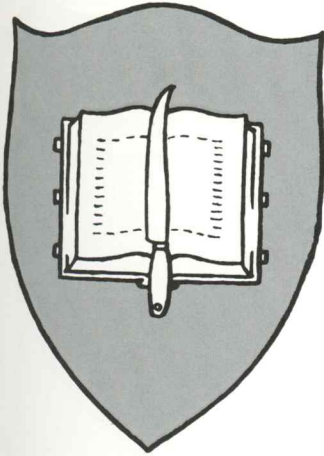
James (Minor)

Son of Alphaeus whose symbol is a fuller's club, used to thicken cloth by separating the fibers of yarn. It is said that James was killed with such a club.



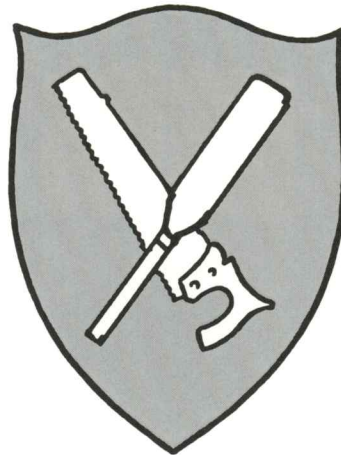
Peter

Simon Peter's symbol is crossed keys, since Jesus gave him the keys to the kingdom.



Matthias

Matthias replaced Judas and his symbol is a book and scimitar. The book suggests his missionary work, and the scimitar that he was beheaded.



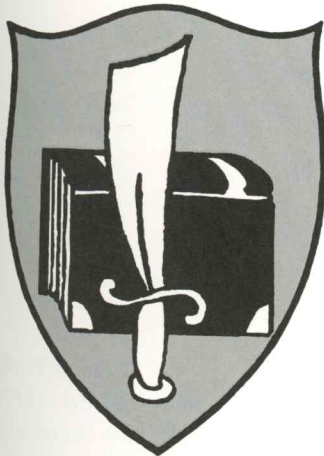
Simon the Zealot

Simon's symbol is a saw and oar, crossed. The oar suggests that he was a fisherman, and it is believed that he was killed and his body sawn in half.



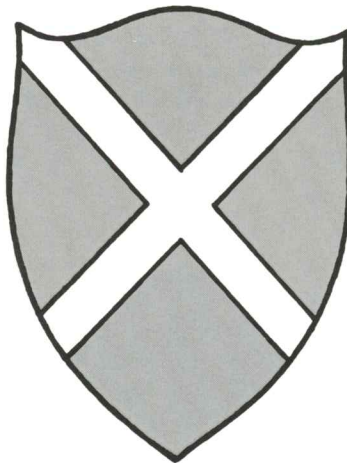
Thaddeus

His symbol is an inverted cross because he was crucified with his head downward as he said he was not worthy to die in the same way his master died.



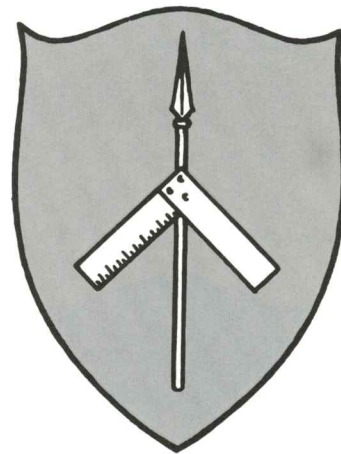
Bartholomew

Bartholomew (Nathaniel) is symbolized by a flaying knife and book. The book suggests his missionary work, and the knife the way he met death.



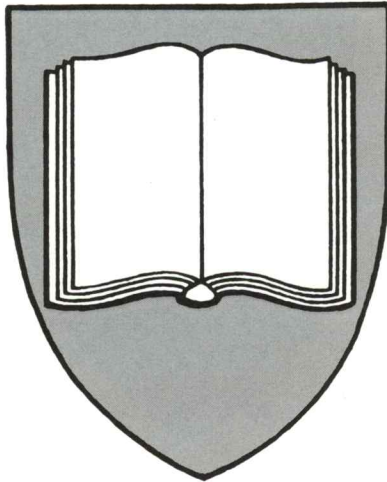
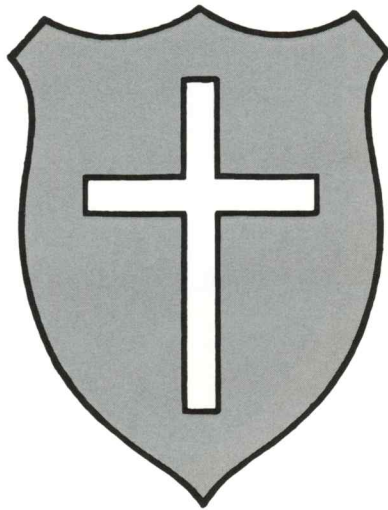
Andrew

Andrew's symbol is an X-shaped cross, often called St. Andrew's cross. He was crucified in Greece on such an X-shaped cross.



Thomas

A spear and carpenter's square represent Thomas. While he was in India building a church with his own hands, he was slain by the spear of a pagan priest.



The Lecturn

The lecturn has three symbols:

On the left is the symbol of faith.

In the center is an open Bible,
which symbolizes the Word of God.

On the right is an anchor cross,
the symbol of hope.

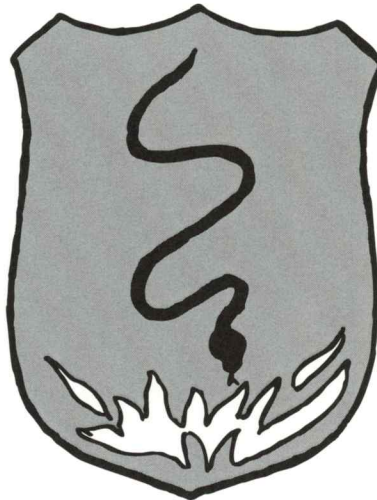
PANELING BEHIND PASTORS' CHAIRS

This paneling is carved with five symbols dealing with the life and work of St. Paul:



Swords Saltire

Swords Saltire is a symbol of martyrdom, such as Paul being beheaded.



Serpent of Melita

This symbol is called The Serpent of Melita cast into the fire. This refers to the incident when Paul was bitten by a snake, on Malta, and he shook the snake into the fire. When he did not die from the bite, the natives thought he was some sort of god. (Acts 28: 3-6)

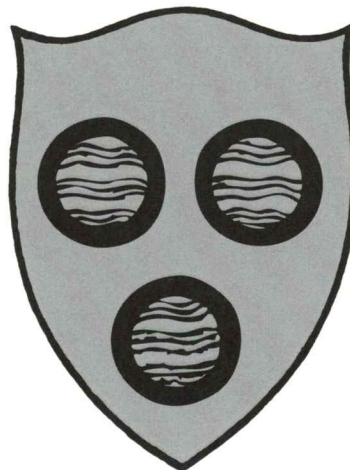


Cross of Glory

This is a symbol of faith. It is formed by a Latin Cross, coupled with the rising sun, and rays extending out from the intersection of the arms.

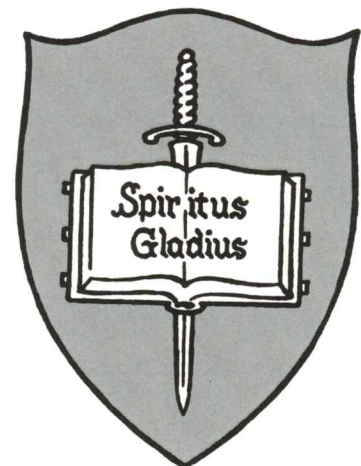
St. Paul (Left)

This symbol represents three fountains; a fountain is a symbol of salvation.



St. Paul (Right)

Spiritus Gladius means "Sword of the Spirit." This symbol is based on Paul's reference to the gospel as the Sword of the Spirit.



BAPTISMAL FONT

A new baptismal font was designed by J. William Smith and carved by Massillon Carvers' Club. This replaces the original marble font that was used in the 1868 church.

The eight-sided lid has a descending dove on the top. Carvings around it are a shell, *alpha* and *omega*, *chi rho*, dove, hand of God, star, cross, and another *alpha* and *omega*. Some of these same symbols are carved around the base.

Also on the woodwork throughout the sanctuary are symbols of grapes, suggesting wine, and stalks of wheat, suggesting bread of Holy Communion. There is also an assortment of flowers including the Messianic Rose.

Carved in the woodwork as you leave the sanctuary by the center aisle on the end of one of the beams that supports the balcony, is Luther's Seal.

